Music In The Air

A compilation of music events to promote integration through the arts

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Tues. **Swing Dance** (860) 347-697x3777 \$ 5-7

thru Come out and dance to the tight swing combo, the Hot Cat Jazz Band, at one of CT's hottest swing

12/20 venues, Vinnie's Jump & Jive. Don't know how to dance? We'll teach you! This is an all ages event.

8-11p Dances are every other week. Call to latch into the schedule. vinnies@chc1.com

Vinnie's Jump & Jive, 424 Main Street

Middletown

11/02 Rain: The Beatles Experience

203-755-4700 \$27-47

8:00p A multi-media, multi-dimensional event featuring five scenes, costume changes and three video screens and live camera projection, combining commercials and historical footage from the 60s.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street http://www.palacetheaterct.org

Waterbury

11/02- NOMAD Festival of Traditional Dance and Music 203-372-3890 \$15-48

11/04 Traditional folk dance and music fromaround the world. Concerts, sing alongs, jam sessions, dance demonstrations, storytelling, family activities, crafts and food. Fri. 8-11, Sat. 10-11, Sun. 10-5.
 Wilbur Cross High School, 181 Mitchell Drive http://www.nomadfest.org
 New Haven

11/03 Last Fair Deal

860-693-0263 \$15-17

7:30p "Connecticut's venerable string outfit **Last Fair Deal** have a solid grasp on bluegrass, but like the nation's best bands, they broaden the field."—Roger Catlin, Hartford Courant. Since 1975, the band has evolved, redrawing the map of American Roots Music with fluid energy and tasteful creativity. Their latest CD, True Tales, offers twelve original and three re-grooved traditional tunes. The band's show features stellar instrumental skills and richly-blended vocals from True Tales and their previous three albums. They also put their own spin on John Hartford, Hank Williams, Townes Van Zandt, Dan Hicks, Lennon/McCartney and Bob Dylan. The band's current lineup includes **Paul Howard** on guitar, vocals & harmonica, **Phil Zimmerman** on mandolin, banjo & vocals, **Tom Hagymasi** on fiddle, vocals & bouzouki and **Todd Howard** on 5-string bass guitar & vocals.

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road

Canton

11/03 Special Showcase Saturday Open Mike

\$10

8:00p Showcasing some of the really great talent we have heard in the last year. We have seen these people at our open mike, at festivals, in coffeeshops ... wherever music is played. These artists are the next generations of "who's hot" on the coffeehouse circuit. Come see them and get a signature to put on the wall ... it will be worth something someday.

Warfield Suite (Laura, Christine & Susan): Warfield Suite are a trio of three women, with Laura Warfield on guitar, Susan Gordon-Clark playing autoharp and Christine Anderson on percussion. They have been together for 8 years. The awesome threesome have been bringing their soaring three part harmony and original music to coffeehouses, clubs, bookstores & libraries, where their upbeat groove "bring people to their feet" Community Review

Free Thought: A duo from Connecticut, consists of sisters Jen and Kate Moncuse. Jen, a composer and songwriter reminiscent of Ray Davies and John Lennon, Jen writes songs with feeling, and some satire. Kate is Jen's musical complement. A complement to her own high harmonies is her ability to play low...on bass, that is. These are a couple of talented female musicians, musicians who play bohemian folk-rock infused with the proto-punk-rock sounds of T. Rex and the Kinks. They stand out in a world of American Idols and Silly Love Songs.

Rick Snyder: Rick is an open mic junkie, has had many solo shows, and has opened for Bill Morrisey (listened to four hours of Bill's stories in the dressing room before the show) and has opened for Marshall Crenshaw (Rick still has the piece of plywood that he loaned to Marshall for foot tapping...a technique which Marshall had deemed to be essential). Rick didn't plan for all this to happen...just kinda did...like love.....or a song. Keep the light on...

http://www.rootsmusiccoffeehouse.com

Roots Coffeehouse, 345 Main Street Danbury

11/03 The Ten Tenors

203-755-4700 \$45

8:00p Australia's most debonair musical export, THE TEN TENORS, deliver a dynamic mix of vocal power ranging from high-tone opera, to jazz, to modern and classic pop - with a stylized flair that leaves audiences breathless. The hip and happening musical sensation has been seen by over 77 million people on three continents and returns to North America this fall, coupled with the worldwide release of their latest CD from Warner Bros., "Here's to The Heroes."

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street http://www.palacetheaterct.org Waterbury

11/03 Piano Recital

203-837-8356

Donations

8:00p Students in WestConn's music department will perform works on piano for two and four hands. http://www.wcsu.edu/music/concerts.html/ Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.

Danbury

11/03 Concert Of Finalists

203-748-1716

Free?

3:00p Student Concerto Competition Selected finalists will compete and the winner, who will be announced at the end of the concert, will perform with the DANBURY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA on 01/27/08

Marian Anderson Recital Hall

Danbury Music Center, 256 Main St

Danbury

11/03 David Gale - Violinist

203-748-1716

Free?

8:00p Encore Performance

Marian Anderson Recital Hall, Danbury Music Center, 256 Main St Danbury

11/03 Roger Sprung, Hal Wylie & Friends

First Saturday of every month except July and August - Folk, Irish, Bluegrass and Traditional Music (instrumentalists welcome to jam), The "Pasta Project". Dinner 5:00-7:30 p.m., music 8:00-10:30 p.m. United Methodist Coffee House (Exit 10 off I-84, 1/5 mile north.) Newtown

11/03- Chicago -The Musical

860.489.7180

\$18.50-24.50

11/10 The seven-time Tony Award-winning Broadway sensation makes its Warner Theatre premiere in a razzle-dazzle tour-de-force production complete with that winning score and unforgettable choreography! Murder and mayhem has never looked or sounded so good! Also an Academy awardwinning movie! F/Sa 8:00p, Su 2pm

Warner Theatre . 68 Main Street

Torrington

11/04 Praeludium Recital

203-426-6470

\$16-18

3:00p Every so often we invite a highly talented youngster to show us what today's youth can still accomplish: You will be impressed by this 17-year old as he follows in the footsteps of many a brilliant pianist. Already he has amassed a slew of superb reviews and prizes. Someone to watch! Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street Newtown

11/04 Jupiter String Quartet

(860) 693-6333

Free

4:00p The Maxwell Shepherd Memorial Arts Fund, Inc. will present the Jupiter String Quartet in a free concert as part of the Shepherd Music Series at Collinsville Congregational Church. A reception will follow the concert and free parking will be available in the church parking lot. Works by Debussy, Bartok, and Robert Schumann will be performed. Winners of the Cleveland Quartet Prize and the Eighth Banff String Quartet Competition, the Jupiter String Quartet has been appointed to the Chamber Music Society at Lincoln Center for a three-year residency.

Collinsville Congregational Church, 7 South Street, Village Green Collinsville

11/04 Sherman Chamber Ensemble

860-350-4390

\$20

3:00p "Jazzing Up The Classics" featuring piano, cello, flute, drums and bass. Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd. http://www.thecommunitycenter.org Litchfield

11/04 Corrine West & the Posse

\$15-20

7:00p Second Sight is a strong, focused, and emotionally powerful album rich with stellar musicianship, expressive vocals, and songs that pierce to the core and sooth the soul. Throughout, the most dynamic instrument is West's highly emotive voice. At turns subtle and sophisticated, unbridled and passionate, it captures and conveys both the fragility and strength of the human spirit and translates the mysteries of the heart into something tangible. http://www.corinnewest.com/ Acoustic Celebration – Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable Street

Ridgefield

11/04 Allen Toussaint

(203) 438-5795

\$45

8:00p Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, pianist, writer, arranger and singer Allen Toussaint has collaborated with, produced, or had his songs covered by artists as diverse as The Rolling Stones, Bonnie Raitt, The Band, Paul Simon, Joe Cocker, Dr. John and many more. Allen's 2006 collaboration with Elvis Costello on their hit CD, "The River In Reverse," coaxed Allen from the studio to what is now a healthy appetite for funky live performance.

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.

Ridgefield

11/05 Faculty Recital

203-837-8350 donations

8:00p WestConn Professor of Music Dr. Dan Goble and Associate Professor of Music Dr. Russell Hirshfield will perform a recital on saxophone and piano. Works by Astor Piazzolla, David Diamond, Piet Swerts, William Albright and David Del Tredici will be featured.

Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.

Danbury

11/06 Blues Traveler

(203) 438-5795 \$65

8:00p The great American alternative rock/blues/jam band returns to The Playhouse stage after their stellar sold-out performance in 2006. Best known for their hit songs "Run-Around," "Hook," "But Anyway," "The Mountains Win Again" and many more, Blues Traveler is one of the most electrifying live acts around. Led by John Popper's dynamic harmonica playing and unmistakable vocals, the band is still going strong in their 20th year together.

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave.

Ridgefield

11/07 Piano Concert

203-837-8499

\$10-15

8:00p The WCSU Keyboard Club and the music department will host internationally acclaimed concert and chamber pianist Dr. Ksenia Nosikova. Nosikova has performed as a soloist and in chamber groups throughout the United States, the Americas and Europe, including appearances in Russia, Italy, France and Yugoslavia. Her numerous recordings include a three-CD set of works by Franz Liszt and a pioneering collaboration with the contemporary American composer Lera Auerbach. An associate professor of music at the University of Iowa, Nosikova holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Moscow Conservatory in Russia and a doctorate from the University of Colorado. WestConn faculty, students and staff will be admitted free with valid ID.

Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.

Danbury

11/08 Coffeehouse

203-837-9700

donations

8:00p The Coffeehouse will include open mic performers at 8 pm, followed by the featured act, Gretel, at 9 pm Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.

Danbury

11/08 "Music of the Americas" w/ Sirius Coyote

203-755-4700

\$ 7-10

7:00p Waterbury Arts Magnet School presents Sirius Coyote, an evening of music from Native and Latin American cultures presented along with students from WAMS.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street

http://www.palacetheaterct.org

Waterbury

11/08- Dark Star Orchestra

- (203) 438-5795
- \$52.50
- 11/09 The faithful Grateful Dead recreation band returns after their sold out performances in 2006.
- 8:00p Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave. Ridgefield
- 11/09 Gershwin in Concert featuring Pianist Kevin Cole 203-755-4700 \$35-75
- 8:00p Celebrate the roaring music of America's greatest composer with pianist KEVIN COLE, who is the #1 interpreter of Gershwin in the world. From Tin Pan Alley to Carnegie Hall, Gershwin was known for his boldness in bridging diverse cultures and blending them into music that captured the essence of the American spirit. This once-in-a-lifetime solo piano concert will feature the songs of George and Ira, as well as an electrifying performance of the original version of RHAPSODY IN BLUE as Gershwin himself played it in 1924! As world renowned Gershwin scholar Edward Jablonski said about Cole: "Kevin is the best Gershwin pianist since Gershwin himself no one can touch him."

 Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street http://www.palacetheaterct.org

 Waterbury
- 11/09 *Too Blue*
- 7:00p Listening room, coffees & lite fare. BYOB. www.liquidlunchrestaurant.com Liquid Lunch Restaurant 434 Howe Ave. Shelton
- 11/10 **Dave Mallett** 860-693-0263 \$18-20
- 7:30p "David Mallett simply sings about angels and backaches, falling stars and fear, dancing and death and other things that comfort and confound us. At the center is Mallett's tenor, warm and friendly and deserving of our attention."—Associated Press Welcome back the author of "Fire," "Garden Song," "Summer of My Dreams," "Red Red Rose," "This Town," "My Old Man" and "Midnight On The Water." His 2007 release is The Fable True-Stories from Thoreau's "The Maine Woods" with music and narration by Dave Mallett.

Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road Canton

11/10 Nerissa & Katryna Nields

203-272-8404 \$14-16

At the heart of any Nields collaboration is the sublime vocal chemistry of two sisters who have been singing together almost from the cradle. They began as a coffee house trio and expanded by 1995 into a rip-roaring nationally touring five-piece band, an edgy rock ensemble that somehow managed to remain the darlings of the folk festival circuit. Of late, the two sisters, who call Northampton, Massachusetts home, have been performing and recording as a duo, bringing them back to their origins. They've opened for Cry Cry, toured Alaska and played the Newport Folk Festival. First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street,

West Hartford

11/10 *Open Mic* 860-482-5122 \$ 7

8:00p Calling all musicians, poets, comics and entertainers. Come share your talents where the wild and the wonderful explore on stage as anything goes for the night. http://artwellgallery.org
Artwell Gallery & Community Arts Center, 19 Water Street
Torrington

11/10 The Times, They Are A-Changin'

7:00p The Ridgefield Chorale concert showcases the musicians and songwriters who have created a truly American sound. Repertoire includes favorites by Peter, Paul & Mary, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Carole King and more;

East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge Rd.

Ridgefield

11/11 Jazz Combos Concert:

203-837-8350 donations

3:00p The WCSU Jazz Combos. The concert will feature performances by the Jazz Guitar Ensemble I and the Scott II, Seigel II, Tomlinson I and Tomlinson II combos. The guitar ensemble will play original compositions by conductor Jamie Begian, while the combos will perform original compositions as well as jazz standards such as "On Green Dolphin Street," "Out Of Nowhere" and "Alone Together." http://www.wcsu.edu/music/concerts.htmlhttp://www.wcsu.edu/music/concerts.html Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St. Danbury

11/11 Lucy Kaplansky

203 438-2282 Free

2:00p Lucy will perform as part of the ongoing Ridgefield Folk Series. Free tickets given out starting at 1:00 pm on the day of the concert. Space is limited. Lucy Kaplansky Ridgefield Library, 472 Main Street Ridgefield

11/11 Peter Siegel \$15-20

7:00p Acoustic Celebration – Temple Shearith Israel, 46 Peaceable Street Ridgefield http://www.petersiegel.com/bio.html

11/11 Veterans Day Parade

203-729-7223 Free

2:00p Over 250 marchers and bands. Downtown Naugatuck Naugatuck

11/11 **John Gorka** 860-379-7235 \$20-25

In 1987, the young Minnesota-based Red House Records caught wind of John's talents and released his first album, I Know, to popular and critical acclaim. With unusual drive and focus, John hit the ground running and, when an offer came from Windhan Hill's Will Ackerman in 1989, he signed with that label's inprint, High Street Records. He proceeded to record five albums with High Street over the next seven years: Land of the Bottom Line, Jack's Crows, Temporary Road, Out of the Valley, and Between Five and Seven. His albums and his touring (over 150 nights a year at times) brought new accolades for his craft. Rolling Stone called him "the preeminent male singer/songwriter of the new folk movement." His rich multi-faceted songs full of depth, beauty and emotion gained increasing attention from critics and audiences across the country, as well as in Europe where his tours led him through Italy, Belgium, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Switzerland and Germany. Gorka is known for applying his rich baritone vocals to a wide range of song forms--intimate confessional songs about love and loss, humorous observations about daily life in his neighborhood, poignant commentary on political moods, and exuberant explosions of unmitigated joy. Reception at 7p, show at 7:30p. http://www.johngorka.com Beeckley Library, 10 Central Avenue

New Hartford

11/11 Letters Home from American Service men and women in times of war

3:00p Danbury Concert Chorus. Woven into the music are the readings of five letters from men and women in the service. Johnny has gone for a Soldier; O Danny Boy; And I Saw a New Heaven; Beat, Beat Drum by Howard Hanson; and Messe Solennelle by Louis Vierne St. James Episcopal Church, 25 West St. Danbury

11/11 Danbury Concert Chorus

203-748-1716 Free

3:00p St. James Church, 25 West Street http://www.danbury.org/musicctr Danbury

11/14 *Open Mic*

860-693-0263

Featuring the J.J. Diamond Band. Enjoy a fine blend of songwriting and roots-based music performed by Judi Neal, Jimso, Jim Taylor and Dennis Patnode on vocals, guitars, bass, drums, flute and dobro! Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracev Road Canton

11/14 7th Annual "Give Thanks" luncheon

\$ 5 donation

12:00 With the Peace Is Possible Chorus. Soup, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Beverage. Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd. http://www.thecommunitycenter.org Litchfield

11/14 Symphonic Band Concert:

203-837-8350

Free

8:00p The WCSU Symphonic Band. The program will include works by Copland, Reed, Bizet and Mozart. Featured student soloists will be Megan Burke, on horn, and Victoria Chiera, voice. Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St. Danbury

11/15 Coffeehouse

203-837-9700

donations

8:00p Oen mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act, Lara Herscovitch, at 9 p.m. Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St. Danbury

11/15- The Seven Little Foys: A Vaudeville Fable.

203-757-4676

12/16 World Premiere! Written, arranged, and directed by Chip Deffaa, creator of George M. Cohan Tonight! Eddie Foy was a beloved star in his day, the quintessential song-and-dance comedian. He was also a dreamer and a gambler who could never hold onto a dime. When his wife died, he almost lost their seven children, but he took them into Vaudeville, creating an act that became an American institution, and in the process learned the real meaning of family. Inspired by actual events, this musical includes such irresistible Vaudeville-era songs as "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland", and "Some of These Days."

Seven Angels Theatre, Hamilton Park Pavilion, http://www.sevenangelstheatre.com Waterbury

11/16 *Marquee Moments*

203-755-4700

\$25-100

Come celebrate the good times at the Palace Theater during our 2nd annual Marquee Moments anniversary party to launch the 2008 Annual Fund Campaign! From the Palace mainstage to the intimate cabaret setting of the Poli Club to a Jazzy New York lounge setting, this one event has something for everyone and is not to be missed!

Palace Mainstage - 8:00pm (\$25 admission: includes access to the post-show dance party)
Featuring performances by local bands RIO, Crosseyed Cat, RiverMud and host Tom Chute.
Cabaret in the Poli Club- 7:00pm (\$50 admission: includes acess to mainstage concert and post-show dance party) Featuring performances by Cathy Bochicchio, Guy Malone, Stephanie Varanelli-Miles, Tom Chute and Miss Connecticut 2007 Dana Daunis

Mezzanine Lounge - 6:00pm (\$100 admission: includes access to mainstage concert with preferred seating/ Poli Club/ post-show dance party) Kick off the night with our VIP pre-show party in our Jazz Lounge, featuring hors d' oeuvres, cocktails and live entertainment from up-and-coming jazz artist Vincent Ingala and other performers to be announced.

Post-Show Dance Party - 10:30pm (available to all ticket buyers) All Marquee Moments guests are invited to show off their best moves at our post-show dance party featuring <u>Powerstation Events</u> and dancers from <u>Arthur Murray</u>, <u>Hamden</u>.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street http://www.palacetheaterct.org Waterbury

11/16- Lucky Stiff

203.431.9850

\$

12/15 One dead body, a nerdy English shoe salesman, six million bucks in diamonds, and a lot of dogs!! Winner of the 1990 Helen Hayes Award for Best Musical.

Ridgefield Theater Barn, 37 Halpin Lane Ridgefield

11/17 **Benefit concert**

\$ 5-10

7-9 p Too Blue performs at 8 pm, other artist TBA. Shelton Congregational Church, 269 Coram Ave., Shelton

11/17 Amy Gallatin & Stillwaters

203-272-8404 \$12-14

Amy's performing background had been as a solo artist out West prior to her meeting some Connecticut musicians while wintering in New England in 1992. With that Connecticut connection came the opportunity to tour as a working unit, so Amy packed her guitar and moved east in the fall of 1993 to pursue her music. Four albums later, Amy Gallatin and her band Stillwaters have taken the stage at some of the most prestigious venues in the U.S., Mexico, and Europe. Stillwaters now features renowned resophonic guitarist Roger Williams. Amy is at home singing various musical styles - country, folk, bluegrass or western swing - branding each song with soulful sincerity. Her influences are diverse, ranging from old and contemporary cowboy tunes learned out West, to great country artists like Emmylou Harris, Merle Haggard, Loretta Lynn, and the Everly Brothers, with even a dash of blues influence thrown in - Koko Taylor, Katie Wilson, BB King, and Shemekiah Copeland. First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street,

West Hartford

11/17 *Tim Grimm* 860-567-8302 \$10-12

8:00p Calling himself a singer-songwriter, actor, and hay farmer, Tim comes to us by way of country - America 's heartland. Part folk, part country, part bluegrass, part roots, Tim has been noted as one of the Best Songwriters of 2005 & one of the Top 20 Artists in Folk Radio in 2005.

www.thecommunitycenter.org

Night Sky Music Series - Litchfield Community Center, 421 Bantam Rd. Litchfield

11/17 *Mad Agnes* 860-693-0263 \$16-18

7:30p "Masters of intricate, dynamic arrangement and precise polyphonic vocals, the group performs with a sense of fun—deceptive ease...one of the most capable and entertaining ensembles on the folk circuit today."—Dirty Linen review of DVD Who's Mad Agnes? In 2007 Mad Agnes was honored by being invited to perform at the Fairport Convention 40th Reunion at Copredy, England. Their style draws from Celtic, classical, pop and folk influences. Trio members Margo Hennebach, Mark Saunders and Adrienne Jones switch off on guitars, keyboards, mandolin, bass and lead and harmony vocal roles. Tonight they perform songs from their CDs, Revenants, Magic Hour and Live at UH. Show highlights include, "Make It Better," "Black Crow," "Manic Depressive Madrigal" and "One Wild Dove." Roaring Brook Nature Center, 70 Gracey Road Canton

11/17 Bristol Nursing Care Center

860-922-5134

1-2 Rts. 4 & 272 Torrington

11/18 Arlo Guthrie's Solo Reunion Tour: Together At Last 860.489.7180 \$30-50

7:30p Like his father Woody Guthrie, Arlo has carved out a career as a folksinger and songwriter. He has a social conscience laced with humor and a performance that is bound to enchant. Guthrie's early fame was based on his anti-establishment shaggy-dog story in the song, Alice's Restaurant. He made a series of folk-rock records through the '70s, filling them with his own songs and those of his contemporaries, notably Steve Goodman's The City of New Orleans.

Warner Theatre . 68 Main Street Torrington

11/18 Connecticut Master Chorale

203-743-0473 \$20-25

3:00p "A Christmas Garland" by Conrad Susa, plus music with steel drums, brass ensemble, spirituals and other festive selections. http://www.cmchorale.org
 St. Mary's Parish, 24 Dodgintown Road (Rte. 302)
 Bethel

11/18 Madeleine Peyroux

(203) 438-5795 \$56-61

8:00p Madeline has one of the most captivating and beautiful voices in music today; so much so that she's often referred to as a modern day Billie Holliday. Don't miss this soulful, intimate performance! Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave. Ridgefield

11/18 An Alice Parker "SING!"

860-223-7555 Donation

4:00p Legendary choral composer, conductor and lecturer Alice Parker has delighted audiences worldwide with her unique approach to group singing, using traditional hymns and folk songs from many cultures. An Alice Parker "SING" involves the entire audience in creating a musical event which is spontaneous, unpredictable and fun! Sure to be a magical, heartfelt, once-in-a-lifetime experience. The Music Series at South Church, 90 Main Street

New Britain

11/18 Tara's Thistle

203-272-2245 Free

4:00p Celtic folk duo Tara's Thistle present a program of traditional Scottish folk songs and bagpipe tunes. Cheshire Public Library, 104 Main Street http://www.cheshirelib.org Cheshire 11/19 Concert Choir And Orchestra Concert

203-837-8350

donations

8:00p The WCSU Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Brass Ensemble and the WCSU Orchestra will present a program called "The Glory of Venice! Nine composers from the Renaissance and Baroque periods in Venice will be represented by 12 works performed by four ensembles. Works by Gabrieli, Willaert, Asola, Croce, Lotti, Legrenzi, Vivaldi and Galuppi will be among those featured. Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.

Danbury

11/23- A Christmas Carol

860-283-6250

\$16-19

12/09 A CHRISTMAS CAROL tells the classic story of cold-hearted miser Ebeneezer Scrooge, forced to confront his past, present and possible future by a deceased colleague and three other ghosts. A firm favorite among the old and young alike, A CHRISTMAS CAROL guarantees a seasonal treat for family audiences

Sun: 2 pm, Fri: 8 pm, Sat: 8 pm boxoffice@thomastonoperahouse.org

Thomaston

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11/24 Mary McCaslin

203-272-8404

\$14-16

Mary McCaslin represents an unbroken link between traditional folksingers and today's "new folk" singer-songwriters. Her music ranges from ballads of the old west to her own songs of the new west and modern times. Regarded as a pioneer of open guitar tunings, and known for her distinctive vocal style, Mary's influences can be heard in many younger folk performers. Mary's musical influences are as varied as her repertoire: The western ballads of Marty Robbins, the guitar playing of Joan Baez and Joni Mitchell, the singing and banjo playing of Hedy West, and the vocal inflections of the Beatles. First Church of Christ Congregational, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford

11/28 Raul Malo's Christmas Party

(203) 438-5795

\$35-45

8:00p The former lead singer of "The Mavericks" puts his sultry and ethereal voice to traditional songs of the season. Often compared to the likes of Josh Groban and Michael Bublé, Raul's voice is simply stunning. Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave. Ridgefield

11/29 Danbury Preparatory String Orchestra - Glen Lebetkin 203-748-1716 Free

Marian Anderson Recital Hall

Danbury Music Center, 256 Main St Danbury

11/29 *Coffeehouse*

203-837-9700

Free

8:00p Open mic performers at 8 p.m., followed by the featured act at 9 p.m. Ives Concert Hall, 181 White St.

Danbury

11/30 Suzanne Vega

(203) 438-5795

\$45-55

8:00p Most recognized for songs such as "Luka," "Caramel" and "Tom's Diner," American singer-songwriter Suzanne Vega has been unrelenting in her approach since her self titled debut album in 1985. Her poignant lyrics, eclectic musical aptitude, and willingness to take compositional risks have made her both a consummate performer and studio musician. Her current tour will support the release of her new 2007 album, "Beauty & Crime."

Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Ave. Ridgefield

11/30 Mazowsze Polish Dance

203-755-4700

\$35-65

8:00p Mazowsze Polish Dance is a thrilling kaleidoscopic display of dazzling movement, vibrant color and stunning beauty. The incomparable Mazowsze performance troupe whirl, leap, stamp, and glide in a glorious outpouring of sound, motion, rhythm and music that celebrates the cultural legacy of Poland. An ensemble of 65 dancers and singers are arrayed in a seemingly never-ending series of handmade traditional costumes, one more dramatic and colorful than the next and some weighing as much as 30 lbs, making their energetic gravity-defying leaps, twirls and lifts even more impressive. A full 23-member orchestra performs music ranging from Chopin to simple folk melodies beloved by the Poles for centuries. To learn more, click here.

Palace Theater, 100 East Main Street Waterbury

http://www.palacetheaterct.org